Regulatory Commission on coal

†2109. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state by when action would be taken to constitute a Regulatory Commission for the proper control on the rates and quality of supply of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): The Government has not yet decided to constitute a Regulatory Commission for coal sector.

Criteria for allotting captive coal mines

2110. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to change the criteria for allotting captive coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the priority to be given to sectors in the changed criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is considering a proposal to introduce competitive bidding for allocation of coal blocks for captive mining.

(c) It has been decided by the Government to give priority to the power and steel sectors in allocation of coal blocks. It has further been decided that preference in allocation should be given to power projects of 500 MW and above and steel plants with more than one million tonne per annum capacity.

Captive coal mining blocks

2111. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for allotment of coal blocks;

(b) the number of coal/mining leases that have been allotted for captive mining;

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